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S. F. Labor Council Kills Move Against 'Western'

REACTIONARIES FAIL TO OUST VISITORS, W. W.

Mask for Labor-Splitting Was Intent of Anti-Democratic Move

(See Editorial, Page 4)

SAN FRANCISCO—The delegation from the Newsboys' Union, which is preparing to go on strike for its demands, said: "Of course, the four daily papers won't print anything about this."

Hugo Ernst, Culinary Union Int'l vice-president, said: "I never saw an accurate report in the Western Worker."

And the San Francisco Central Labor Council voted 174 to 152 to reject a resolution brought in by a group of reactionary delegates, including Urmey of the Electricians, Williams of the Theatrical Employees, Morrison of the Bartenders, and others, which would have excluded all visitors to council meetings and would have barred reporters from the Western Worker and other labor papers, but admitted capitalist press reporters, including Hearst.

Kidwell Hit Resolution

The labor-splitting, union-smashing reactionaries got behind the resolution, which was moved by McLaughlin of the Teamsters Union, and are obviously trying to block future publicity of their plans of future expulsions of unions from the labor body, and their gangster tactics against local CIO unions.

"I'm against the policy of excluding the general public from labor meetings," declared George Kidwell, of the Bakery Wagon Drivers, attacking the resolution. "And I'm against that section which privileges certain newspapers and excludes others. This (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5)

WAREHOUSEMEN WIN, SAN DIEGO

SAN DIEGO—Wage increases ranging up to 100 per cent were won by San Diego Warehousemen, ILA 33-120, last week after the men had voted unanimously to strike if demands were not granted.

The victory affects all drug warehouses in Southern California and establishes a virtual closed shop and the 44-hour week. Acting in conjunction with the San Diego warehousemen was ILA 38-133, the Los Angeles warehouse workers.

Next group to be organized here will be the ice and cold storage employees and the ice wagon drivers.

Liberty League's Hope for a CIO Split Is Blasted

DENVER, Colo.—"Absolutely no foundation for the story," was the answer of Int'l Typographical Union President Charles P. Howard to rumors printed in the tiny New York Herald Tribune that Howard and five other CIO leaders were on the verge of a split with John L. Lewis.

That the wish is father to the thought for the Liberty Leaguers is seen from the fact that the Herald Tribune ascribed the "split" to Lewis' political policies.

Calif. Plans for Nat'l Job March

L.A. Workers' Alliance in Demand for Removal of Connolly, Dillon

S.F. Labor, Alliance Seek Adoption of Congress WPA Resolution

LOS ANGELES—Members of the Workers' Alliance here will carry their fight for better living conditions to Washington, D.C., when they begin a march on the nation's capital August 14. Albert Heltness, Alliance organiza-

tion has announced.

Part of a nation-wide march on the capital, under the leadership of the National Workers' Alliance, the unemployed workers will take to President Roosevelt, national relief leaders and Congress, their demands for reinstatement of all dismissed WPA workers and a 30 per cent in-

crease in wages.

As a result of the refusal of Colonel Donald H. Connolly and Major Lee Dillon, local WPA heads, to see a committee from the Alliance last week, when more than 6000 persons paraded here to demand jobs and relief budget increases, a telegram had been sent to President Roosevelt.

Protesting the "bureaucratic officials" and the "un-American politics" of Connolly and Dillon, the telegram demanded the im-

mediate removal of the two men.

No Chance for Ryan On Pacific Coast

Passes Senate Despite AFL Leaders' Sabotage

A Pacific Coast CIO vote of 11,441 to 3349 for affiliation with the CIO apparently means nothing to Joseph P. Ryan, Int'l ILA president. Ryan has appealed to ILA locals on the West Coast for a split, urging them to stay out of the CIO.

Ryan's splitting goes to the extent of offering to issue charters to even small groups with locals who desire such finicky charters.

Ryan's Chances Are Nil

The Marine Cooks and Stewards Union last Thursday night voted overwhelmingly (92.2) to reject dumping of the ballot on CIO affiliation. Under the influence of Harry Lundeberg, headquarters branch of the Marine Firemen last Thursday again voted to dump the CIO ballots, even though an official count had shown the headquarters vote to be 816 for affiliation, 40 against.

In announcing that the Sailors Union had "rejected" affiliation with the CIO, Harry Lundeberg on Monday used the same line of attack as men like William Green, Joseph P. Ryan and Edward Vandeleur. "The CIO is not democratic," he said. Despite the overwhelming vote for CIO affiliation by the SUP members, a vote which was never allowed to be counted, Lundeberg said the "Sailors want to decide their own problems for themselves," implying that the Sailors would be injured under the CIO.

88 Pct. of Railroad Crafts Vote Strike

WASHINGTON—Eighty-eight per cent of the 14 non-operating railroad unions membership of 800,000 have voted to strike if necessary to win their demands for a 20 cents an hour wage increase, announced George M. Harrison, spokesman for the unions and president of the Brotherhood of Railway & Steamship Clerks.

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CHINA CENTRAL TROOPS GO TO PEIPING FRONT

Chiang Declares China to Throw Military Might Against Japan Army

MOSCOW—The Soviet Government has ordered its Charge d'Affairs in Tokyo to deliver a strong protest to the Japanese government against the Japanese inspired raid on White Russians on the Soviet Consulate General in Tientsin.

NANKING, China.—Five divisions of Chinese nationalist troops, combined with the 29th Route Army and other military units from the Peiping-Tientsin area, placed themselves opposite the Japanese Kwantung Army in North China in preparation for a counter-offensive.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, head of the Chinese national government, announced definitely that China would hurl all its military strength unreservedly against the Japanese in North China.

The movement of the central government's troops, itself of major significance, accompanied numerous other important indications of fast-developing national unity in China, including:

1. An appeal by Mme. Chiang Kai-Shek, wife of the head of the government and influential in her own right: "China has not declared war or resolved upon war of its own will. This war was forced upon us. But our answer is irrevocable. China will fight and win."

Patriots Released

2. Release of seven leading Chinese patriots who were being held in the most powerful counter-attack yet put forth by the fascist armies, has taken the offensive on two other important fronts, Tientsin and Oviedo.

The Spanish government learned of new outbreaks in the fascist armies, this time with Moorish troops in conflict with the Italian officers, with furious fighting taking place in fascist-held Granada. The Italian command executed a large number of Moorish leaders and participants.

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Four Freed!—Save the Other Scottsboro Boys



"THE SCOTTSBORO BOYS SHALL NOT DIE!" For almost seven years, this cry echoed from coast to coast, building up more and more mass pressure, and scored a tremendous victory last week when four of the boys were set free. They are shown here in the office of their attorney, Samuel Leibowitz (center), the day of their arrival in New York from an Alabama jail. At left: Willie Robertson and Eugene Williams; to right of Leibowitz, Roy Wright and Olin Montgomery. These boys have pledged to devote their lives to the freeing of the five Scottsboro boys still imprisoned, one under death sentence.

SPAIN ARMIES ON OFFENSIVE IN TWO AREAS

Moorish Troops Revolt in Granada Adds Weakness To Franco Armies

MADRID—Loyalist Spain, triumphant after holding its gains on the Madrid front in the face of the most powerful counter-attack yet put forth by the fascist armies, has taken the offensive on two other important fronts, Teruel and Oviedo.

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Hathaway Will Speak in Calif.

Clarence Hathaway, editor of the Daily Worker and Sunday Worker, will speak in California in two rallies in November, celebrating the 20th anniversary of the October Revolution and the establishment of the Soviet Union.

Final confirmation of this was received last week in San Francisco.

Hathaway will speak at Dreamland Auditorium in San Francisco on Saturday evening, November 6, and in Los Angeles on Sunday, November 7.

ILA RENEWS AGREEMENT

Longshoremen Stronger Than Ever Under CIO

Stronger and more unified than ever through CIO affiliation, the Pacific Coast District of the Int'l Longshoremen Association has been able to bring about renewal of its agreement for another year.

Both longshoremen and shipowners have announced that neither will give notice of modification or termination of the agreement which went into effect last February following the 99-day maritime strike.

In the ILA letter to Almon E. Roth, president of the Waterfront Employers Assn. of the Pacific, Bridges pointed out the change in name of the ILA to the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union.

The agreement was to expire on September 30.

Meetings of the Sailors Union of the Pacific, Marine Firemen, Marine Cooks and Stewards, Masters, Mates and Pilots and Marine Engineers this week are to take up the question of whether or not to open up the agreements or not to open up the agreements or to seek modifications.

Under the existing agreement, the ILA won, through the 99-day strike, the six hour day and the union hiring hall (preference of employment).

Publicity matters were turned over to the temporary officials of the conference, with provision for an enlarged publicity committee to be formed later comprising delegates from affiliated and sympathetic unions.

Demand Showing of Film

Delegates voted to demand showing of the Paramount news reel depicting the murder by police of 10 men steel strikers in South Chicago last Memorial Day. The meeting was informed that local theater owners had refused to ask for the film, which is available at any time.

Attending the conference were five delegates from the East Bay CIO Industrial Council.

Date of the second conference meeting was set for August 15.

RUBBER CONVENTION

AKRON—The United Rubber Workers of America convention will be held at Akron, Sept. 12-18. Delegates from Canada will be in attendance for the first time.

MARITIME FED. IN SOLIDARITY ACT FOR SPAIN

SF Nazi, Italian Consulates Picketed; Work Halted By Teamsters in SF

In a one-half hour stoppage of work Monday, maritime workers of the Pacific stood more firmly than ever in support of the Spanish people's fight against invading Italian fascists and German Nazis, and in support of the illegal trade unions of Germany and Italy.

From 2 to 2:30, work stopped on all waterfronts from San Diego to Canada to demonstrate this international solidarity, under the banner of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific.

All men came off the ships and through the dock gates to congregate in front of the piers. It was estimated that 30,000 workers took part in the demonstration, the other 10,000 members of the Federation being at sea.

Teamsters Halted Work

In San Francisco, union teamsters on the waterfront stopped their trucks promptly at 2 p.m. as the picket lines formed in front of the piers.

"It's a good strike," one rank and file longshoreman declared to a Western Worker reporter, expressing the general sentiment of the workers. "We ought to have one about once a month just to show Hitler and Mussolini they can't get by with that baloney helping Franco murder the Spaniards."

Another longshoreman remarked: "I've got a pal fighting for the Loyalists. I'm going to write to him and tell him about this strike. Us guys ought to do more than we're doing to help the Loyalists."

"CIO Stuff"

"I've got a shipmate in the Lincoln Battalion," said a seaman. "Damned glad we pulled this strike."

"The CIO backs stuff like AFL," said another stevedore. "Me for the CIO and to hell with Franco."

Promptly at 2 p.m. a picket line of 100 was set up at the German consulate in San Francisco, under the auspices of the ILA Auxiliary, the Maritime Federation and the American League Against War and Fascism. The German consul refused to see the delegation which filed a resolution of protest in Spain.

Picket Fascist Consulates

Proceeding to the Italian consulate, the pickets set up another line. Six women heavily dressed in black walked behind a young boy carrying a sign which read:

"We mourn the loss of Spanish children killed by Fascist Italian bombs."

A delegation left a resolution in the consulate protesting Italian intervention in Spain.

The half-hour anti-fascist work stoppage was authorized by a resolution adopted by the recent convention of the Maritime Federation in Portland.

Hawaii Plantation Workers Score 1st Victory in Strike

HONOLULU, T. H.—The four Maui ended in victory here last week when demands of Filipino workers were granted by the sugar barons.

L. A.--GRAFT--S. F.

INVESTIGATORS OF VICE MAY PICKET DENS

L.A. Mayor Makes Gesture
By Formal Recognition
Of Committee

LOS ANGELES—With a threat to picket gambling and vice joints in answer to Mayor Frank Shaw's virtual refusal to acknowledge the fact that vice conditions exist in Los Angeles, the Citizens' Independent Vice Investigation Committee last week aroused new interest in the city's problem of organized graft.

The committee threatened in a statement of Chairman Clifford Clinton, that "As a last resort we will maintain a department of citizens' pickets who will picket gambling places, vice dens, etc., if they are not closed."

From having first attacked the committee as "snoopers," "sensation hunters" and "discredited politicians," the mayor suddenly executed a somersault and "recognized" the committee as an official city committee.

Defends Police

But the mayor in immediately subsequent statements hurried again to the defense of the police department and to discredit vice charges in advance. He had "faith" in Police Chief James E. Davis. "Our police department, though underbudgeted and undermanned, will not fail us."

Retorted Clinton: "Gambling and prostitution exist because they are protected. Who is doing the protecting and where the protection money goes we do not know. We intend to find out."

Clinton emphatically declared that his committee will not be satisfied with formal recognition. Wants Action

"We will cooperate," he said, "unless it becomes clear that the proper officials refuse to do so. By that refusal we mean refusal to do anything about the situation, not refusal to say that vice conditions and gambling will be eliminated."

Chief of Police Davis, however, would not even make the gesture put forward by Mayor Shaw.

"I am not going to assume any civil responsibilities for the self-constituted committee," declared the Chief, an integral character in the Shaw political machine.

For the second time within three weeks U. S. Webb, state attorney general, stepped into the scene and ordered District Attorney Buron Fitts to "turn on the heat" against gambling and vice.

Little heat, however, emanated from that source. Henry A. Dietz, appointed by Webb as special agent, issued a statement saying that "... it has been shown that ... in the city limits of Los Angeles ... the city has not kept pace with the county in cleaning up gambling and allied matters."

Shaw Denial

Shaw would only deny reports that the attorney general had pressed the city administration for action, declaring that Dietz' statements in the press were not communicated to him.

The Citizens' Independent Vice Investigation Committee includes the Rev. R. P. Shuler, Dr. John P. Buckley, Mrs. U. S. George, Mrs. Louise Blatherwick, James B. Agnew, Clifford Clinton and Dr. A. M. Wilkinson.

While it threatened to picket some of the more obvious vice spots, the United Church Women's Committee, of which Mayor Shaw had earlier hastened to give his approval, had given the public none of the information which it claims to have, including a list of 110 houses of prostitution and gambling establishments.

Concession Halts Musicians' Strike

NEW YORK—American Federation of Musicians officials last Saturday withdrew their call for a nation-wide strike against radio stations and agreed to meet with radio executives again September 16.

LABOR PAPERS CHARGE SUPPRESSION OF FILM SHOWING CHICAGO MASSACRE

WASHINGTON—Widespread suppression of the Paramount Newsreel of the Chicago Memorial Day massacre of 10 steel workers is taking place, according to labor papers.

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Conspiracy Against Truth
The Minnesota Leader, official organ of the Minnesota Farmer

I Collect for The Higher-Ups

LOS ANGELES—When George K. Thornton, former Equalization Board agent, was arrested in Santa Barbara for taking a bribe to relicense a Santa Barbara cafe owner's liquor license, he said: "Why do you arrest me? This money isn't for me, it is for the higher-ups and I'm only the collector."

The arrest was made and this testimony was given by District Attorney's investigator Lloyd Yarrow. It was intimated last Friday, when Yarrow revealed Thornton's plea, that Attorney General Webb may also be subpoenaed.

SAN DIEGO AFL OFFICIALS HEAD "GOONS" IN RAID

Try to Break Up Meet of CIO Cannery Union

SAN DIEGO—Headed by E. H. Dowell, AFL organizer and John Lydick, a "beef squad" of 20 raided a meeting of the CIO cannery workers union at Germany hall here last week and attempted to break it up.

The "beef squad" slugged its way through the crowd and seized a file of letters and "prospect cards." It is assumed Dowell and Lydick will attempt to use this material in setting up another Vandeleur's company union for cannery workers.

Most of the cannery workers at the meeting were Spanish-speaking.

Wash. AFL Heads Try to Hit CIO

TACOMA, Wash.—When 1000 employees of the St. Paul and Tacoma Lumber Co., members of the Sawmill and Timber Workers Union, declared their support of the recent Woodworkers Convention, reactionary officials of the In't Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners declared a boycott against material from the mill.

At the Woodworkers Convention the lumber workers voted to join the CIO.

Teamster Official "Muscles In"

Teamster officials declare they will not allow lumber to be hauled from the mill. C. M. (Whitley) Dahlager, district organizer, declared Teamsters would not transport lumber from "any CIO mill."

Because of the AFL action, a tieup of the mill, the city's largest, is threatened.

CIO Asks Election In L.A. Laundry

LOS ANGELES—The filing of a petition with the National Labor Relations Board for a collective bargaining election in the Morgan Laundry, 915 North Yale St., with a complaint of violations of the Wagner Labor Act, was announced by Mike Shulman, secretary of the CIO Laundry Workers' Union Local 33, last week.

Shulman charged the company with intimidating workers against joining the union by threatening them that privately hired detectives would ferret out names of all union members.

Workers Were Threatened

The company also discouraged their employees against joining the union with promises of a \$2 a week raise if they remained unorganized. Shulman added.

He also pointed out that workers were informed they would lose their jobs if they disobeyed the company's edicts.

Shulman said 75 per cent of the 200 workers employed in the plant are members of the union and that they would definitely strike if the election is not held.

Shulman announced starting of an organizational drive in Venice and Ocean Park August 2.

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M'DONOUGH'S AIDE UNDER JURY PROBE

Accuse Jury Tampering In Abortion-Murder Trial in S. F.

SAN FRANCISCO—George Poulton, right-hand bail-bonder to Pete McDonough, the "fountainhead of corruption," was indicted last Thursday by the grand jury on charges of attempted jury tampering. Bail was fixed at \$2500 cash or \$5000 bonds.

SAN FRANCISCO.—While Mayor Ross's administration continued to treat the recent grand jury exposure of vice conditions as virtually a dead issue, vice investigators demanded another indictment affecting the notorious McDonough Bros. bail bond business.

The grand jury was scheduled to meet Monday evening to consider charges against George Poulton, McDonough aide, of jury tampering in the abortion-murder trial of Dr. Claude C. Long.

Bribe Offered

Henry Truax, juror, accused Poulton to Judge Sylvain J. Lazarus, who is presiding over the trial.

Truax said he was told by Poulton: "You can make some money out of this case."

When he replied "the subject does not interest me," he charges Poulton further warned: "Don't do it. It would be wrong if you did."

Fight License for McDonough

Despite the Mayor's apparent willingness to let all charges connected with the recent exposure cool off with a minimum of further comment, vice-investigators continued a barrage against the McDonough firm and prepared to enter immediate protest when McDonough applies for a permit to conduct his business under new regulations imposed by state law.

It was expected that he would be forced, through inability to prove "good moral character," to operate through a dummy concern nominally headed by one of his present henchmen.

Hall Anti-Fascist Work Stoppage

All speakers emphasized the splendid spirit and strength of the Spanish people which has resulted in changing their fighting slogan from "No Pasaran" to "Pasaremos" ("we shall pass").

Chairman Donald Chase, minister of the Calvary Methodist Church, introduced other distinguished speakers, including Major Frederic Lord, American flyer ace recently with the Loyalist Corps; Mildred Lord, his wife and a skilled aviator herself; Bert Leach, American League; and Kathryn Gans, YWCA leader.

Packing Co. Must Obey Labor Act

SAN FRANCISCO—Attempts of the Santa Cruz Fruit Packing Co. to "get around" the Wagner Labor Act, failed here last Saturday when the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that Congress can regulate interstate commerce even though a small percentage of a concern's output actually crosses state lines. The decision upheld the National Labor Board ruling, on charges brought by the Warehousemen's Union.

Co. Must Now Obey Board

The court action was brought to compel the company to obey orders of the board to stop anti-union activities against its employees.

The majority opinion, written by Judge Wm. Denman, held the company had admitted dismissing workers because of activities in the Warehousemen's Union. In a separate concurring opinion, Judge Bert E. Haney declared it unimportant "whether 90 per cent or only 10 per cent of (outgoing shipments) actually moves in interstate commerce."

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**Concession Halts
Musicians' Strike**

Teamster "Goons" Are Protected by S. F. Officials

SAN FRANCISCO—Although the two victims and three workers were available as witnesses that Joseph Casey and Tony Costa, Teamster officials, acted as their own "goon squad" last week, Warrant Clerk Wm. P. Golden last Thursday refused to issue warrants for the arrest of Casey and Costa on charges of beating up Jerry Callahan and Fred Revere, officials of the Flying Station Employees Union Local 410, of the CIO Int'l Oil Workers Union.

Callahan and Revere sought the warrants, which were denied on grounds of "insufficient evidence." The Teamster officials are trying to raid the membership of Local 410.

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10 TROTZKYISTS ON TRIAL IN MADRID FOR SERVING IN ESPIONAGE RING FOR FRANCO

Editor of Trotzkyist Paper is Involved; Signalmen Flashed Messages to Fascist Army Headquarters

By G. MARION

(Daily Worker Spain Correspondent)

MADRID—Ten members of the Trotzkyist POUM, one member of the fascist Phalanx, and four signal experts, who flashed information to fascist observers in the Casa de Campo on Madrid's outskirts, face trial here on charges of espionage and high treason.

The signalmen were caught while using flashlights to transmit signals to an observation post where they were re-transmitted to the Casa de Campo. There a powerful station relayed them to fascist headquarters.

Two months of unflagging investigation by the Madrid police lay at the bottom of these arrests, as well as that of the former Countess de la Puebla de Montalban, who frequented the barracks and bars of Madrid in order to obtain information from Loyalist soldiers.

Editor Taken

The ten Trotzkyists involved in the sordid Franco activities behind government lines include Julian Gorkin, former editor of the Trotzkyist Barcelona organ, La Batalla, now liquidated, Juan Andrade and Julian Gomez, a provocateur behind Loyalist lines in Madrid.

The ministry of justice communique announcing the forthcoming trial states:

"The department of safety has come upon facts of interest relating to subversive activity and espionage. The following have been brought before the Tribunal of Espionage and High Treason: Juan Andrade, Jose Escudero, Pedro Boves, Bonet Cuito, Julian Gomez, Gorkin, Daniel Reboli, Francisco Gomez, Jose Palomo, Rodriguez Arroyo, Desiderio Iglesias, Francisco Glavell, Ruiz and Victor Jimenez Bordejou and Javier Fernandez Golcino."

"The first ten belong to the POUM, the eleventh to the Spanish Phalanx."

Proof Found

Documents found in the headquarters of the POUM give abundant proof of a code system, including a telegraphic code; the documents refer to arms smuggling, counterfeiting of money and papers, communications with foreign countries. They hint at conferences held inside and outside of Loyalist territory, and refer to the participation of foreigners in the already noted spying and the subversive movement of last Monday. (The Barcelona putsch.)

"The defendants have been placed at the immediate disposition of the Tribunal in the state prison where they have been held."

"It is not necessary to remind the ministry of safety that in this, as in all matters before them, all guarantees and rights of law must apply without allowing pressure or weakness to interfere with those judgements which actuate the judges and the supreme court."

"Efforts to restrain the strict and faithful application of the law will be useless."

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IZVESTIA HITS JAPAN ATTACK AGAINST CHINA

New Stage Won: British Attitude Aids Tokyo; Trouble in Japan

MOSCOW—Far from remaining "local issue" as the Japanese have sought to keep it, the North China conflict can become the most important factor in the international situation.

This estimate was made by Izvestia, organ of the Soviet government, in a leading editorial.

"It is a question," says Izvestia, "of a new and important stage in the imperialist struggle in the Far East on the Pacific Coast, a question of a new basic stage in the aggression of Japanese imperialism, striving to enslave the Chinese people."

Analogy to 1931

The Soviet newspaper points out a close analogy between the events of July, 1937, and September, 1931, the time of the invasion of Manchuria. In both cases Japan created a "local incident" and at the same time whipped up its own population with a war psychosis atmosphere. But this parallel, the editorial continues:

"... only emphasizes the fact that the events in North China are marking the beginning of the second stage in the conquest of China by the Japanese imperialists, a stage which has been thoroughly prepared for a long time."

"There is not the least doubt that Japan succeeded in carrying out its plans in Manchuria only as result of the passivity of the Western powers."

Pointing out that the open toleration of England was especially responsible for 1931, the editorial declares:

"Now as then, the English conservative press is trying to create the impression that all that is involved is an incident which does not affect the interests of other countries. In other words, the conservative newspapers in London support the version which the Japanese militarists need to conceal their extensive, planned military operations."

British Attitude

"Certain English statesmen are apparently prepared to believe the openly lying promise of the aggressors to localize an international conflict no matter whether these false assurances are being given in regard to the coast of the Pacific Ocean or the Mediterranean Sea."

Izvestia raises the question of whether or not England's policy of turning its back on the profound significance of the North China struggle means that it will not respect the sovereignty of China, and points out significantly that this would be against its own interests.

Having compared the present aggression with that of 1931, Izvestia points out the essential differences which brings the struggle to a definitely new stage. Aside from the tremendously important growth in strength of the Soviet Union, these factors are stated as follows:

"During the last six years the movement of the Chinese people against the Japanese bandits has grown tremendously, while the Japanese rear, exhausted and disorganized by six years of a policy of adventurism, has been extremely weakened."

Trouble at Home

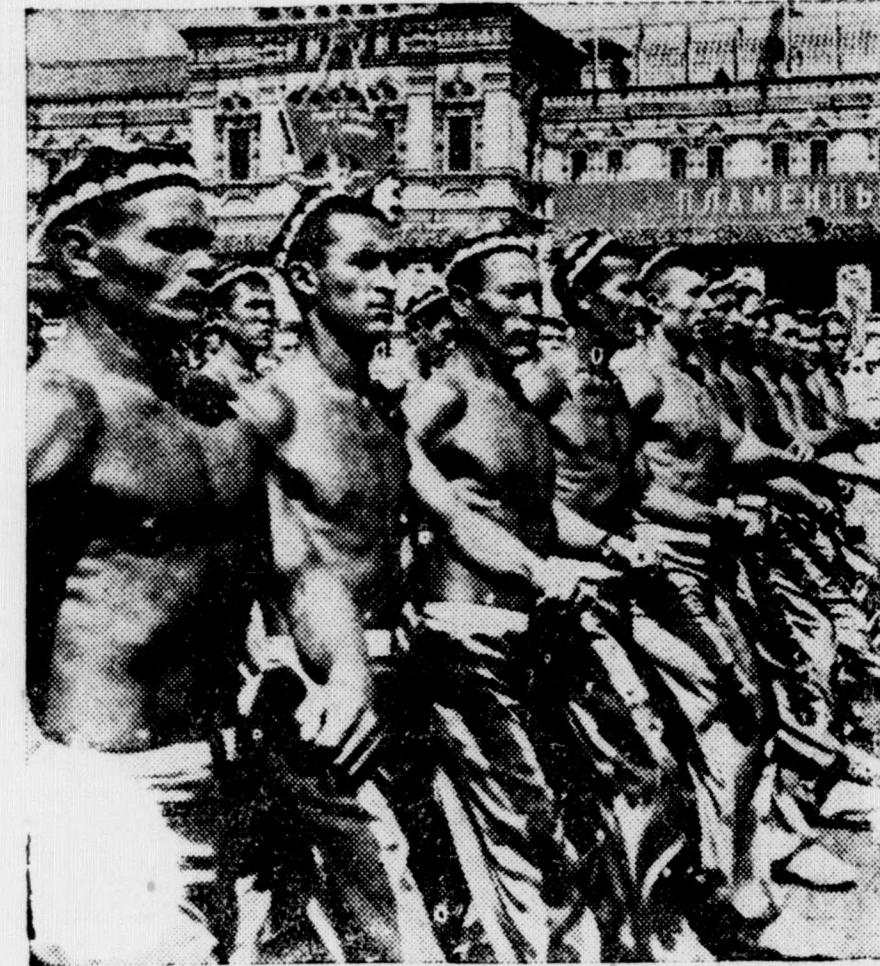
"The price rise and the strike movement in Japan, the new financial difficulties and a number of other factors speak of the fact that the new stage of the policy of conquest of China is taking place, conditions of profound domestic instability in Japan."

"On the other hand, in the very first days of the new conflict there came proof of the growth, stability and power of resistance of China, proof of the development of national consciousness, of indignation against the robbers."

"Several years ago the position taken by England in fact turned the tables in favor of Japan. Now once again the decisive stage is coming close which places before the foreign governments, and first and foremost before England, the necessity of taking a definite stand."

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SOVIETS HAIL PEACE EFFECT OF VISIT BY U. S. WARSHIPS

Pravda Stresses Friendly Relations of Two Peoples, Cites Polar Flights

MOSCOW—Visit of five warships of the U. S. Navy's Asiatic squadron to Vladivostok was greeted by the leading newspapers Pravda and Izvestia as a friendly gesture emphasizing the common role of the Soviet Union and the United States as powers striving for peace.

Referring to the new links already established by the two historic flights over the North Pole, Izvestia declared significantly:

"Communication between the USSR and the USA is not limited to the blazing of new and shorter routes. The visit of the United States warships reminds one that there are routes linking both powers not only across the North, but also in the Far East."

Speaking indirectly of the Japanese invasion of North China, Pravda remarks that the visit of the American warships is a token of peace and not of war, continuing that the visit "comes at a time when the military-strategic importance of the Pacific Ocean is being raised sharply by the new wave of aggression on the Asiatic Coast of the Pacific."

Not Negative Only

Pravda also makes clear that the friendship of the Soviet people for those of the United States is based not merely on the lack of political and economic conflict between the two countries, but also on Soviet respect for business like qualities of the American people and technical progress achieved in the United States.

Both Izvestia and Pravda mention the tremendous welcome given to the Soviet fliers in the United States, Pravda remarking that these flights will undoubtedly contribute to strengthening the present ties between the USSR and the USA.

S. F. Dept. Store Union Wins Gains

SAN FRANCISCO—At least 10 per cent wage increase to all not obtaining that much or more under new wage scales, minimum wages from \$18-\$35 a week, 40-hour six-day week, and time and a half for overtime, were won by over 9,000 department store workers in an agreement ratified 1280-389 by members of Department Store Employees Union last Wednesday.

In a separate vote, workers in 13 Woolworth and two Newberry ten-cent stores rejected a proposed agreement by two to one.

In the department stores, the union is recognized as sole collective bargaining agency for all workers except those receiving \$35 a week or more, executives and workers in other unions. Seniority rights, no discrimination for union activity, vacations with pay are also included in the agreement, which lasts for one year beginning August 1. Pay increases are retroactive to May 15.

TWO OVER 200,000

NEW YORK—The CIO Textile Workers Organizing Committee has signed over 200,000 into the union and has set up 140 locals.

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LITTLE LEFT TO SAN DIEGO LABOR BODY

Election in AFL Council, San Diego, Shows That Reactionaries Rule

SAN DIEGO—What remains of the San Diego Central Labor Council elected officers last week. The thoroughness of Secretary Lydick's "purge" of a month ago was demonstrated by the lack of any opposing candidate for the office of secretary of the council, every possible progressive candidate having been expelled without benefit of trial over a month ago. Most other offices were uncontested and a full slate of reactionaries, with "pie-card artists" predominating, was elected.

General Without Army

The only fly in the soup now is that the council is dwindling away until Lydick will soon be dictator of a council without members.

The Printing Pressmen and Carpenters Local 1358 were last week added to the list of unions that have withdrawn their remaining delegates and written letters of protest to the council.

A letter of protest against the expulsion of Clarence Goad, vice-president of the council, and a demand that he be reseated was received from his union, the Typos. A committee was appointed to attempt to explain to the Typos why their delegate was expelled, the reason being that he was "under Communist influence."

Unsatisfactory Explanation

Delegates of the Typographical Union who were present told the council that no amount of explaining would be satisfactory and that the union would undoubtedly vote to withdraw from the council at its next meeting.

The reactionaries removed the council one step farther from democratic procedure by putting over an amendment that abolishes the elected executive and organizing committees and replaces them with what they term a policy board, composed of the business agent, secretary, or an elected representative from each union if the B.A. or Sec. is not a delegate. This amendment was defeated several months ago before the progressive delegates were expelled.

CIO Is Organizing

While the AFL council was reading letters of withdrawal from local unions and passing amendments to make any future revolt impossible, a few blocks up the street the CIO Industrial Council was busy laying plans to organize the unorganized and make San Diego a union town. Many members of AFL unions participated in the planning, by virtue of having been elected fraternal delegates to the council by their unions.

The CIO Council received its charter last week and took steps to maintain and enlarge its official paper, "Labor's Voice." Five thousand copies of the paper are being circulated each week, a greater circulation than the AFL paper has.

Single Jobless Pay For 'Economy' Move

Rome Berlin Axis Scored in Hungary

BUDAPEST, Hungary—Emphatic denunciation of the "Rome-Berlin Axis" as the outlook of Hungary's political horizon was voted here in a statement by Dr. Tibor Eckhardt, leader of the Independent Agrarian Party, the strongest opposition bloc in the Hungarian parliament.

His statement came on the heels of highly publicized visits to Hungary by Baron Constantine von Neurath, German foreign minister, and Field Marshal Werner von Blomberg, German minister of war.

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Reactionaries Fear the Western Worker

LAST FRIDAY night, a group of reactionaries introduced a resolution in the San Francisco Central Labor Council seeking to bar all visitors from council meetings and to exclude reporters from all newspapers except the capitalist press and the Labor Clarion, council organ.

WHY?

Because those reactionaries have further plans to split the labor movement by expelling more unions, as they did the week before in ousting the Cannery & Preserve Workers Union and the Filling Station Employees Union.

Because they want as little publicity as possible on their union-splitting and union-smashing maneuvers.

Because they hate and fear the publicity given their anti-union activities by the Western Worker.

Fortunately, this resolution, which would permit the anti-labor and pro-fascist Hearst press to be represented, while barring representatives of the Western Worker, Voice of the Federation and other labor papers, was voted down, 174 to 152.

The Western Worker feels it deserves and is proud of the enmity of such "leaders" of labor as McLaughlin and Urmy, who strive to split the labor movement and to block organization of the unorganized by the Committee for Industrial Organization. Their enmity arises out of the fact that the "Western" is a vigilant fighter for the best interests of labor, for unity in the labor movement, for support of the CIO, for democracy in the unions. They are echoing the nation-wide reactionary attack on not only the Communist Party and its press, but on everything progressive in the labor movement.

The Western Worker expects this enmity to be tripled on New Year's Day when, instead of the present twice-a-week issue, it will become a daily "People's Champion of Liberty, Progress and Peace." Forward to a Daily Western Worker!

Gangster Tactics by Beck and Casey Can't Halt CIO

THE GANGSTERISM being resorted to by Teamsters Union czars on the West Coast, notably in San Francisco and Seattle, has served to bring out, among other things, the gulf separating these officials from the Teamsters rank-and-file.

The Dave Deeks, the Joe Caseys, the McLaughlins and their kind have had to participate personally in the dumpings of members and rank-and-file officials of the unions which they are trying to break up. They have had to import "goons"—thugs with a distinctly underworld character. But in the case, for instance, of the attacks on Jerry Callahan, president of the San Francisco Filling Station Employees, and other members of that union, two facts were outstanding—the Teamsters officials could get practically no one from the Teamsters hiring hall to participate in the slippings, and they had to import Beck's thugs from Seattle—as evidenced by Washington state license plates on at least one of the dumping squad's autos.

The gangsterism of the Teamsters' czars is part and parcel of the A. F. of L. Executive Council's futile plan to try to halt the onward march of progressive trade unionism, as exemplified in the great growth and progressive policies of the CIO. The murderous terror of the steel corporations has failed to stem that growth; the gangster tactics of certain reactionary A. F. of L. officials will likewise fail. And what is more, the A. F. of L. rank-and-file, including that of the Teamsters, will have no part in such actions.

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The membership of both unions will continue to fight together for a common cause.

A Serious Omission

THE GENTLEMEN in Washington who cry to go home do not want to vote yes or no on the progressive legislation that remains on the calendar. It appears they will have to face the issues whether they like it or not.

The administration is pressing for passage of some vital and important bills. Among them are the Black-Connery minimum wage and maximum hour bill, the Wagner-Steagall bill for low cost housing and slum clearance, the much curtailed court reform bill and legislation to curb the practices of income tax evaders.

Let the gentlemen act on these vital mea-

sures, and on another as well.

What sort of indifference is it that causes the White House and congressional leaders to leave the Wagner-Van Nuys Anti-Lynching Bill off the list of bills to be insisted on at this session?

Four months ago this federal anti-lynching bill passed the House. Even while this congress was in session, before and since the action in the House, the nation has been disgraced by repeated examples of these sadistic murders which are an outrageous blot on the nation. To condone them by neglect of legislation which could curb them is to perpetuate a horrible crime against the Negro people.

Take the Anti-Lynching Bill off the shelf by protest today to Senators Johnson and McAdoo! Insist that it be placed in the same category as the other legislation listed for expedited action! Demand that all these vital measures be passed at this session!

China is Taking the One Course To Defend Its Independence

IN 1932 the Chinese city government of Shanghai acceded to every demand made by the Japanese. Yet the Japanese army bombarded and attacked the city, to be stopped only by the heroic defense put up by the 19th Route Army.

Years of piecemeal aggression by Japan have proved one fact conclusively, again and again:

Japan's real demand is the complete economic and political domination of China and unfettered exploitation and suppression of her people.

In the current conflict the Chinese people are united as never before. They have said no! They have taken the one road that can lead to independence—the road of military resistance!

Already it is clear that the Chinese people are rapidly approaching complete unity for national defense. If the first incident in the struggle was the Japanese occupation without apparent major resistance, this is little more than making open recognition of what has been virtually accomplished in fact for two years. The policy of capitulation before Japan's demands had already given the latter the military domination of the Peiping-Tientsin area. What is new and significant is this:

China's central government has responded to the demand of the Chinese masses by calling for a national mobilization to drive the Japanese out of North China. China stands united today more firmly than ever before. At the same time, Japan at home is in a virtual political crisis as the result of economic strain of six years of war and war preparations.

Japan counted on a divided China. That no longer exists. Those Chinese generals who still support Japan are being driven from the ranks.

Japan counts on taking advantage of the European preoccupation with the fascist invaders in Spain. Again the militarists can and must be proven mistaken.

The American people again and again have demonstrated that they are opposed to the aggressive designs and actions of Japan, along with those of the two other chief provocateurs of war—Germany and Italy.

Rally the American and Chinese people in California to demand that the United States government support the independence of China!

Demand what four U. S. Congressmen have already demanded of Secretary Hull: that steps be taken to enforce the Kellogg-Briand and Nine-Power Pacts, to which Japan is a signatory.

Demand that an embargo be levied against Japan!

Mayor Shaw is Ignorant, Like An Ostrich

LOS ANGELES investigators of vice threats, as a last resort if Mayor Shaw refuses to take any action, to picket vice dens and gambling places.

Mayor Shaw, like Mayor Rossi in San Francisco, has already refused to take any action. The mayor says he has faith in Chief of Police James E. Davis. He is "opposed" to vice, but there is no vice, or if there is it is only because the police budget is "underbudgeted and undermanned."

But the simple truth is that there is organized vice and plenty of it in Los Angeles. Nor does it exist because the police department is "underbudgeted" or "undermanned." The police department has plenty of man power to suppress strikers and to harass union men around the waterfront in San Pedro and Wilmington and to carry out a reign of terror following the brutal police murder of Bill Gregg of the ILA.

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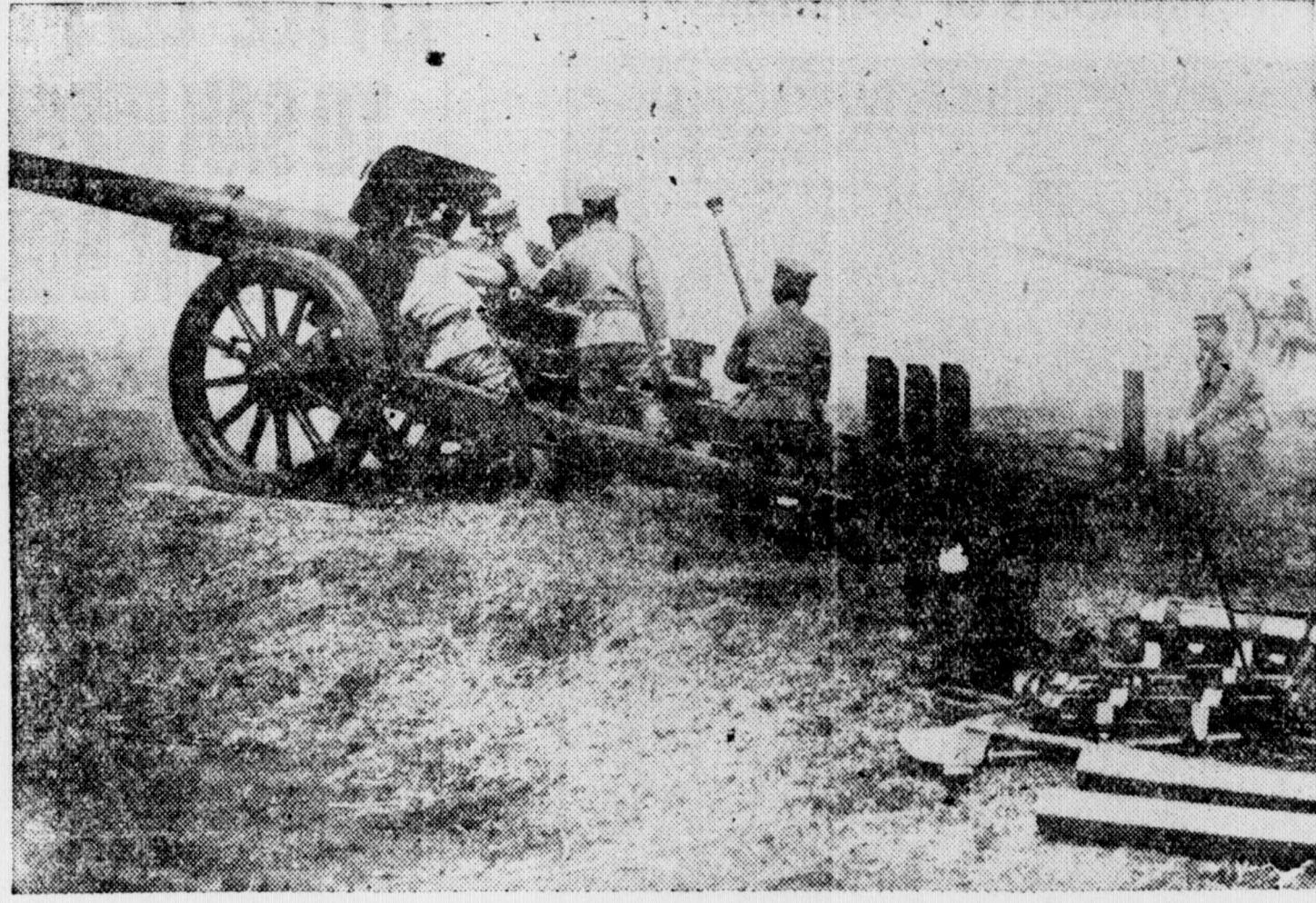
Why did the Shaw administration want a bigger fund for "secret service?"

Not to ferret out vice resorts which stand out like so many sore thumbs. Not one but hundreds of such dens could be shown to the police without the expenditure of a penny. Besides which, the police already know where they are. They know too well!

Shaw wanted that money for his campaign against organized labor, not against organized vice.

Picket the vice dens, gentlemen of the Citizens' Independent Vice Investigation Committee! If the mayor is ignorant, he can be shown, and without any secret service fund either.

First, Practice in Murder—And Now the Real Thing



RECENTLY IMPERIALIST JAPAN put its war machine through maneuvers in North China, and then extended these maneuvers into actual aggression against the Chinese people. When the above photograph was taken, it was only practice, but now these same guns are murdering thousands of Chinese people, including non-combatant men, women and children, as Japan attempts to swallow all of North China.

Spanish Documents Link Trotzkyites With Franco

By HARRY GANNES

(This is the last of a series of three articles.)

III.

To inaugurate the offensive in the war against fascism, the Negrin government adopted three measures of prime importance. It was against the carrying out of these three steps, all interrelated, that the Trotzkyites directed their slanders. The following are the three measures undertaken by the Negrin government to speed the war against fascism:

1—Strengthening of the military command of the People's Army, which included drawing the armed forces in Catalonia closer to Valencia. At the same time, the disarming of the bandit P. O. U. M. and all gangsters and pro-fascist groups proceeded at top speed.

2—Discipline in the army. In Spain where Anarchist traditions are deep-rooted and have been fabulously costly, improvement of discipline was fundamental.

3—Creation of a counter-espionage organization to wipe out spies, saboteurs, and to clean out all defeatist elements.

The test of the Negrin government's policies, of course, lies in its accomplishments. Though only two months in office the Negrin government has to its credit the initiation of the first really effective anti-fascist offensive. Every foreign correspondent in Valencia, Madrid, and Barcelona reported its efficiency. James Minifie of the New York Herald-Tribune and Herbert Matthews of the New York Times told of the confidence and enthusiasm it inspired in the people. Louis Fischer of the Nation wrote (July 11):

"The moment the Negrin cabinet was formed it energetically undertook to make the usually slow and painful transition from resisting to attack. I believe that all observers were startled by the excellent and quick results."

By means of the first and second military measures the Negrin government insured the unleashing of an offensive on the central front to lift the siege of Madrid. But this could never have been begun without the third step, mainly, the measure for cleaning out spies, saboteurs and all agents of defeatism.

Must Outwit Spies

Wars have been lost or won through the activities of spies. Richard Wilmer Rowan, in his comprehensive history of espionage and its related fields (The Story of Secret Service), points out from the experience of the wars of hundreds of years that unless the enemy's spies are outwitted and destroyed he has an advantage worth many divisions.

Napoleon won many important battles because of the effectiveness of his spies alone. It was a known fact that General Franco's spy apparatus was notoriously effective so long as the POUM in Barcelona was allowed to harbor any enemy of the Republic.

The fascists used to boast of their channels of information, confirmatory of the Trotzkyites in Spain is the fact that General Franco was completely at a loss to foresee where the People's Army would aim its fire when the Negrin government carried out its third measure—of striking out against the spies, the bulk of whom were in the Trotzkyite ranks.

The newspaper cables to the world point out that the Negrin government is not the only organization of the People's Army to have been taken by surprise. The last news sent by our radio station shows a considerable progress in our information service.

As far as the uniting of forces for the movement in the rear is concerned, that is progressing with a certain slowness. None the less, we can count on 400 men ready to act. These latter well-armed stand in favorable conditions on the Madrid front, divided into square millimeters, so as to facilitate communication of information reporting the position of cannons and troops.

The message was addressed personally to "Generalissimo Franco," and says:

"To the Generalissimo in person. I have to inform you as follows: we are at present in a position to communicate to you all we know of the position and the movement of the Red forces. The last news sent by our radio station shows a considerable progress in our information service.

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The following passage was underlined:

"On your orders, I went personally to Barcelona to see the leading member of the POUM. I communicated all your directives to him. The lack of communication between you and him is explained by the fact that his radio was damaged. It is beginning to function once again, as I found out while still there. You will certainly have received his answer in regard to fundamental problems. . . . implores you and your foreign friends that I be the only person authorized to communicate with him. He promised to send new men to Madrid in order to activate the work of the POUM, and thanks to these reinforcements, the POUM will become finally as in Barcelona, a solid and effective support for our movement."

Yet Norman Thomas, who even before this and other evidence was presented, warned against the counter-revolutionary deeds of the POUM, later fell into their miserable trap and wailed with them for the defense of those who connived with the fascists against the People's Front.

The Trotzkyites, of course, shroud their attempts to destroy the People's Front government.

The gains of the People's Army on the Madrid front are

AS WE SEE IT

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN,
California State Secretary, Communist Party, U. S. A.

"Neutrality" Policy In A Crisis.

THE FASCIST invasion of Spain and the Japanese invasion of China has brought to light very sharply the need to change the Roosevelt-Hull "neutrality" policy. By declaring an embargo on war materials to "both sides" in Spain, the American Government has placed an embargo on the Spanish Government which is recognized by the United States, while trade and commerce with Germany and Italy in war materials continues unabated at a time when Hitler and Mussolini are pouring troops and munitions into Spain. Thus, in direct contradiction to the declarations for peace made by Roosevelt and Hull at the Buenos Aires conference, the U. S. A. is helping the fascist powers against the democratic republic of Spain.

Japanese imperialism is now attacking China's independence. To invoke the Neutrality Act against China and Japan would also mean direct aid to Japan's conquest of China. Japan would still be able to buy all the American raw materials it needs to manufacture munitions, while China, which hasn't got the huge war industries that Japan has, would be unable to buy war materials it needs to defend its freedom and independence. Thus American "neutrality" aids the fascist-military bloc of Germany, Italy, and Japan, the chief threat to peace and democracy in the world. Such a policy will not keep America out of war; it will only help those who are driving toward plunging the entire world into war.

America must have an effective peace policy. It must declare an embargo against the war-makers, Germany, Italy, and Japan. It must join with all other powers that desire peace, and give every possible aid to the Spanish and Chinese people. It must collaborate with the Soviet Union, whose peace policy is the mightiest bulwark against the warmakers. It must invoke the Kellogg Peace Pact against the aggressor nations; that pact "renounces war as an instrument of national policy." The Kellogg Peace Pact must be strengthened, with teeth in it, to curb the aggressors who violate it, by collective action of those who really want peace. Keep America out of war by keeping war out of the world!

"History Will Honor Them."

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The POUM and all its supporters are particularly energetic in their efforts to prevent the organic unification of the Socialist and Communist Parties of Spain and the formation of one party of the Proletariat.

Spain's Socialists Want Unity

The Socialist Call which counsels such Trotzkyite propaganda well knows that the majority of Socialists in Spain overwhelmingly favor organic unity with the Communist Party. The attitude of the vast majority of Spanish Socialists with regard to the Communists and to the Soviet Union is expressed so that even the Socialist Call editors cannot twist its meaning, in an editorial in Claridad, June 9, 1937. Until Cabral's prestige was eclipsed in Socialist and UGT ranks Claridad was the mouthpiece of the former Premier. And here is what this most influential Socialist and trade union organ writes:

Claridad has fought, fights and will fight for the organic unity of the Socialist and Communist Parties—the two are Marxists—because it considers imperative the creation of a single party of the proletariat as the only guarantee of revolutionary interests. . . . Claridad has always felt a vivid sympathy, a close affection for the Soviet Union. Today we reaffirm our sympathy which has grown gigantic. For that reason then we are against all its enemies, call themselves

Worker Wants Labor Cross-
Word Puzzles in Daily W.W.

WORKERS' CORRESPONDENCE

East Bay CIO Cannery Union Put Stop to "Run-Around"

ORGANIZE FOR FIGHT AGAINST COMPANY UNION

Workers From 6 East Bay
Canneries Plan Action
Against Vandeleur

By a Worker Correspondent
HAYWARD, Alameda County—In a recent gathering originally intended to be a committee meeting to discuss ways and means of continuing their fight against Vandeleur's fink union, a group of workers representing Hunt Bros. Packing Corp., California Conserving Co., Body's, Ball's, and Pierce's Canneries, attended the meeting to an unlooked for number.

Enthusiastic, eager for news and action, learning through various channels of the meeting, 40 workers showed up to take an active part in the future plans.

Report on CIO Meet

Prince Beers was present to give a report of the National Agricultural and Cannery Convention. A great deal of pleasure and concern was expressed by the group toward Beers who has just been released from the hospital and was making his first appearance with the workers since then.

An interesting point was brought out concerning the Cannery Workers Local of San Jose (CIO) which has established booths in front of the cannery to organize workers.

The high point of the evening was the reaffirmation of the determination of the striking workers not to go back to work until all strikers as a group are reinstated without discrimination.

A committee of three Prince Beers, Ray Wilkinson, Bill Sehr, was elected to confer with Roberts, superintendent of California Conserving Co., to demand immediate reinstatement of the striking workers.

If this condition is not granted by the company, the National Labor Relations Board will rule the strikers as locked out, and the company will be forced to pay the entire back wages of every worker.

Further, in the event that the company does not immediately reinstate the strikers the present boycott against California Conserving Co. products will be extended to a national scope. This will find the boycott here on the coast enforced by such powerful groups as the Maritime Federation, lumber workers, auto workers, and many others.

Sentiment Against Co. Unions

Committees from all cannery in the district reported without exception that an open discontent is spreading against the company union (AFL) in all cannerys.

A committee of three men and three women was elected to act as a planning committee to raise funds for the union. A dance and entertainment will probably be held in the near future.

**VENTURA FIELD
WORKERS SEEK
A CIO CHARTER**

Petition for Signatures
Being Circulated

By a Worker Correspondent

VENTURA—We are circulating an application here to raise the necessary signatures and \$25 to apply for a Committee for Industrial Organizational charter for agricultural workers.

On July 8, there was a mass meeting here for the purpose of recruiting members into the Oil Workers Union Local 120. In passing out leaflets to oil workers, I contacted a few of the local Filipino, Mexican and American agricultural workers and invited them to listen to the speakers. They responded nicely and after the meeting requested circulating an application for a charter for them in agriculture.

Ready to Unionize

There was a small meeting on July 18 at Santa Paula. Present were leaders of Filipino, Mexican, American and Japanese agricultural workers and \$12 was raised at this small meeting. The fellowship and good will shown by the various racial minorities and by the American workers was wonderful.

All leaders expressed a willingness to continue organizing activities.

**Alaska Bosses Trying to
Cheat Cannery Worker
Of Insurance for Injury**

By an Alaska Canner

EGERGIK, Alaska—In an attempt to trick him into saying he was injured through his own fault, company bosses and the superintendent are very thoroughly investigating Pete Sanchez, who in line of duty, cut off part of his small finger.

Comments by the Readers of the Western Worker

"BEST LABOR PAPER"
Westwood
Lassen County

Dear Editor:
I'll state again, as I did before, that the Western Worker is the best labor paper in the USA. The Western Worker has improved since the beginning of my first sub, 50 per cent. Long may it live. I hope to secure a few subs in the near future from this locality.

Fraternally yours,
A LUMBER WORKER

REFUGEES STARVE

Yuma, Ariz.

Dear Editor:
Are our American ideals as found in the Declaration of Independence become like gourds, husks without fruit; are they mere words without meaning? The Declaration says all men are created equal but our actions belie our words. One woman, a valiant useful citizen, Miss Amelia Earhart, is lost at sea, and the government spends enormous sums to find her.

At the same time near a half million dust bowl refugees are living under such deplorable conditions that some are starving to death; so far as one can find out the government has not turned a hand. Not that Miss Amelia doesn't deserve what was spent, but think how much more a half million people deserve it.

"But," someone says, "they haven't been in California long enough to be eligible for relief." Now tell me where is your "one nation indivisible"? If they are citizens of the United States, what difference should it make where they are or how long they have been there?

Governor Merriam is going to call a conference in a week or so—he ought to try going without bread and butter meantime. People are already starving. If they keep putting it off, they won't need anything but a bunch of coffins.

McClaren, the big lettuce and cantaloupe man of Yuma, goes on a round-the-world airplane trip, and other "big shots" take their pleasures, waste money, never thinking of people who are starving.

Those people from the dust bowl can't have a very good opinion of our government. Those people want a change.

—A. B.

Kid Correspondent

On Fire-Traps

By a 13-Year-Old Correspondent

LOS ANGELES.—We were strolling along the Ocean Park pier and looking at a grisly scene called "Toonerville Town." It was all unpainted with a dummy dead man on the rock of the village school. The letters on the various buildings were uneven and backwards at irregular places.

I had been in there before so I informed my friend:

"That's fun, ever been in there?"

"No! I wouldn't go in—it's condemned!"

"How do you know?"

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Danger for Profits

"Well, why don't they announce it in the papers? Golly, the things they'll do to make money. I suppose they figured that it would cost too much to overhaul it and make emergency exits. What if a fire broke out?"

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**L. A. General Hospital Like a Jail,
Reports Youthful Correspondent**

By a 13-year-old Correspondent

LOS ANGELES—When a body first approaches the General Hospital, it appears to be a well-aimed, well-care-for building. (That's from a distance.) When a person gets within 10 yards of the building, it can be seen quite clearly that it has not been painted or washed since it was built.

It is equipped with large fenced-in gardens, a beautiful drinking fountain with no water, and big spacious steps about a yard wide each (also unashed).

Like a Prison

On the whole, the outside of the General Hospital is quite beautiful.

The inside of the General Hos-

pital is dingy, unaired, and the

ceilings are so low that one

thinks he has accidentally step-

ped into a prison.

When we first went in, we asked for the person we wanted to see, and were told the number of his ward and the floor it was on. At the same time we

WANTS CROSS- WORD PUZZLES IN DAILY W. W.

What Ideas Do You Have
In Mind for the Daily
Western Worker?

By a Worker Correspondent
SAN FRANCISCO—The following are my suggestions for improvements for the Daily Western Worker:

1. Special columns, in alternate issues, for workers in Arizona, Nevada, etc. As the "Western" represents the Far West, the other states should be given more space than is possible at present. Workers in these states, instead of feeling like "outsiders," as they may feel right now,

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**Send in Your
Ideas Today!**

On January 1, 1938, the Western Worker will become a Daily. On next Labor Day, the big drive to build this Daily "Western" will get into full swing. Meanwhile, all worker correspondents, who have contributed so much to the growth of the paper, are urged to write in their ideas on what the Daily "Western" should be. All readers are invited to contribute their ideas, but this special invitation is issued by the Workers' Correspondence Editor. Send in your ideas today to the Western Worker, 121 Haight St., San Francisco.

Cross-Word Puzzles

2. Cross-word puzzles for the working-class. As hundreds of people may be seen daily working on cross-word puzzles on street cars, etc., the "Western" would benefit by publishing cross-word puzzles especially made up so as to educate readers in the class struggle.

3. Establishment of a Western Worker Readers Solidarity Fund. The funds collected from workers who are "fairly well fixed" to be used to extend subscriptions free or at reduced rates to unemployed and lower-paid categories of workers.

I hope that these ideas may prove helpful in your plans for a Daily Western Worker.

**Union is Holding
Dances in Alaska**

By an Alaskan Canner

EGERGIK, Alaska—Dances are

being held here in the school

house by the Alaska Cannery Workers Union every Sunday.

Many native workers of both

sexes attend and are very social.

Music is furnished by members

of the Union who have string

instruments.

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CADDIES WIN STRIKE

RICHMOND, Cal.—Caddies at

the Carginez Golf Club have

no union, but they struck spon-

taneously, picketed and won

wage increases.

Glad to Leave

I'm not going to give a full

account of the wards, except

to say they were about as dis-

agreeable as they come and that

the beds were narrow and

squeaky.

Glad to Leave

We ejected a strike committee

and set up a soup kitchen on

property bordering Cowell

About half the men are single

and live in the company board-

ing house, so the company

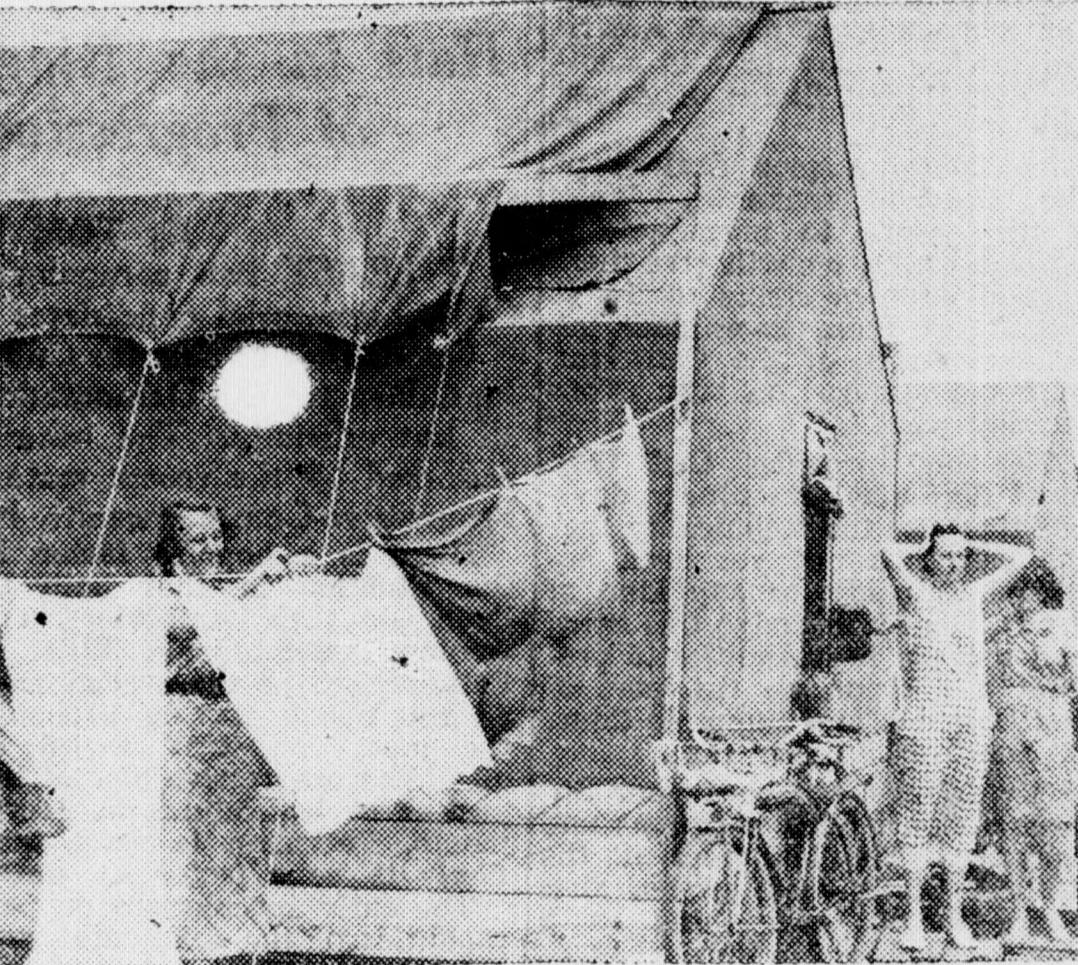
thought by closing down, the

single men would leave town

and leave the married men hold-

ing the sack. We showed them

"Social Justice" in Coughlin's Town



WHERE FASCIST Father Coughlin talks of "social justice" and thinks up new company union ideas, Royal Oak, Mich. has this scene of 50 jobless families living in this "tent colony" because the Oakland County Relief Committee refused to pay rent for them.

POOR ATTEMPT TO DISCREDIT ALASKA UNION

Alaska Packers Lie About
Workers in Alaska
Canneries

By an Alaska Canner

EGERGIK, Alaska.—A telegram was sent by the Alaska Packers Assn. from San Francisco and forwarded to all company foremen in Alaska cannerys trying to discredit the union.

The telegram reads in part:

"Karluk, Alaska — Cannery crew here inferior to former years (meaning non-union days) slow, incapable, inefficient etc. etc."

Poor Attempt

Dickstein Attacks Organized Nazi Activities in Calif.

CHARGES NAZIS HAVE 6 BUNDS IN THIS STATE

Hoffman of New Jersey Shown Aiding Hitler's U. S. Lieutenants

WASHINGTON, D. C. — A well-organized, subversive, un-American spy system" exists in this country, declared Representative Samuel Dickstein of New York, placing on the Congressional Record a list of 46 persons in this country whom he described as Nazi agents and listing locations of Nazi organized groups.

Among these locations were Los Angeles, Oakland, Concord, Santa Barbara, San Diego and San Francisco, all in California, and Salt Lake City, Seattle, Spokane and Portland.

Public Officials Aid

Scoring American public officials who countenance or assist Nazi activities in this country, Dickstein singled out Governor Hoffman of New Jersey and read a telegram from W. J. Carney, New Jersey regional director of the Committee for Industrial Organization:

"We deplore the laxity of Gov. Hoffman in the investigation of the Nazi encampment at Camp Nordan, Andover, N. J.," said the telegram. "Hoffman before the CIO came to New Jersey condemned CIO and enlarged on fact it was going to create violence and seize factories and that he was going to fight CIO with every resource at his command.

"It is significant that Gov. Hoffman had no word of condemnation for un-American goose-stepping Nazis. We request immediate investigation by congress."

Nazi Sympathizer
Hoffman has not only refrained from attacking Nazi activities, but was reported to have sent a telegram of greetings to the Nazi camp when it opened. Moreover, he did everything in his power to save the fascist Hauptman, convicted kidnapper of the Lindbergh baby, from the death sentence.

Dickstein also asserted another Nazi camp is slated to be opened in California.

"We have recently been visited by another menace," he said. "A new consul-general that was sent here by Hitler, to the state of California."

He named this official as a certain von Killinger, charging that he is working in collaboration with a Col. Archer and George Gysling, German consul in Los Angeles.

'Renew Fight for Scottsboro Boys'

Central Committee of Communist Party Demands Freedom for Other Five

(Statement of the Central Committee, Communist Party of the U. S. A.)

Four of the Scottsboro boys, Olen Montgomery, Willie Roberson, Eugene Williams and Roy Wright, have been freed. Five are still in prison: Clarence Norris, sentenced to death; Andy Wright, 99 years; Heywood Patterson, 75 years; Charlie Weems, 75 years; and Ozie Powell, 20 years.

Not a single Scottsboro boy shall die; every Scottsboro boy must go free!

The release and freedom of the four boys is a great victory. It is a victory for the Negro people; it is a victory for powerful progressive forces united in the Scottsboro Defense Committee, with Samuel Leibowitz as chief counsel. The Communist Party also congratulates the International Labor Defense, its officers, legal staff and entire membership and supporters, for the heroic, relentless and uncompromising fight which it has conducted in behalf of the Scottsboro boys and their families, resulting in the present partial victories.

Victory for C. P.

The release of these boys is also a victory to the Communist Party. The Communist Party—by emphasizing complete equality for the Negro people, their right to sit on juries, by stressing the national dignity of the Negro people, by calling for unity of Negro and white—was that great dynamo which aroused those forces which rallied to the defense of the Scottsboro boys.

How were the four Scottsboro boys saved?

It was because of the might of the unity of progressive forces, the rights, liberties, and democracy of all Americans are threatened by the reactionary forces leading to fascism in this country.

The Scottsboro boys must go free!

International fascism has declared war against the forces of democracy throughout the world.

Hitler and Mussolini have struck their blow in Spain. The Tom Girdlers, the Liberty Leaguers, have struck their blow in Youngstown, in Chicago, in Masiel, along the industrial fronts in the United States of America. They are ganging up to destroy organized labor, all kinds of organized labor: AFL labor.

You gentlemen have a common interest, you leaders of labor; you must unite to fight fascism in America!

To build a People's Front will not be difficult. The People's Front will be successful against fascism in America for three reasons: first, because democracy is traditional with the American people; second, because the American people have vividly before their eyes the examples of Hitler and Mussolini; third, because international fascism has been stopped at the gates of Madrid!

Don't be frightened by any red scare, the red scare that was used against President Roosevelt, the red scare that is now being used against Fiorello La Guardia in New York.

They raised the red scare against Roosevelt for what reason? In order to divide Roosevelt from labor. Raised the red scare against the leaders of labor, for what reason? In order to divide the leaders of labor from the rank and file. Don't be fooled by a red scare. Who are the red baiters? They are not the friends of the people. The red baiters are the enemies of the people. Who are the red baiters? The Liberty Leaguers, the finks and the scabs and the Tom Girdlers!

... we want Mooney free; we want Billings free; we want the other class-war prisoners free. Then, I say, a progressive People's front against fascism, and that will bring about victory against fascism and victory for Tom Mooney and Billings and the other class-war prisoners!

The Scottsboro Boys Shall Not Die!

Nor shall they rot in prison. All of them—ninth victims of Alabama's jungle law—shall go free.

To all progressive people can dedicate their efforts.

San Francisco

Milady's Beauty Shop
1454 Haight St. (Upstairs)
Under. 9261

Sutter-Fillmore Beauty Shop
2016A Sutter St. WAI. 5843
Our Best \$5 Duard Permanent
Wave Now \$2.50

The Scottsboro case and the freedom of the remaining five boys is not solely a matter of racial passion and sectional jealousy. It is a case for the North, the South, share-croppers; for the poor whites, for the industrial workers of the North, for the middle classes, for all liberty and justice loving Ameri-

can workers.

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Spain

FILM BRINGS FUND TO BUY AMBULANCES

By JOHN R. CHAPLIN

HOLLYWOOD—With the cinema discovering a new film which is one of the highest artistic milestones of its development, the worldwide movement to defend Spanish democracy gained new impetus with the first public showing of Spanish Earth, produced in Madrid by famed Dutch director Joris Ivens, with a running commentary by novelist Ernest Hemingway.

After brief snatches of the film had been shown at the recent Writers Congress in New York, first showing of the completed work was at the White House, for President and Mrs. Roosevelt, and half a dozen guests.

Then Hemingway and Ivens brought the film to Hollywood for its premier. It was shown on three successive days: first, to a select preview audience at the swank Hotel Ambassador, including the press and 100-odd celebrities who paid \$5 each to see it. Press comment was uniformly enthusiastic, with top review stating that Spanish Earth was considered by Hollywood's experts as the greatest film made since the great Russian masterpieces of a decade ago.

Next night, it was shown at the home of the Frederic Marches, to about 20 people, including the Robert Montgomerys, Ernst Lubitsches, and others of the same group. This private showing netted \$14,000, contributed to buy 14 ambulances for the Spanish loyalists.

Next night, at last, the public premiere took place, playing to a capacity house in Los Angeles huge Philharmonic Auditorium, twice as many being turned away as got in. An audience including Adolphe Menjou, Sylvia Sidney, Lionel Stander, Nancy Carroll, Boris Karloff and many more film people paid \$1000 in admissions and \$2,500 more in a collection following a moving address by Ernest Hemingway. Altogether, the three showings netted close to \$20,000, with an estimated 10,000 Angelenos having tried unsuccessfully to see the film. This vast interest augurs well for the commercial showings which will doubtless follow shortly.

SCREEN UNIONIZATION MARCHES ON

Biggest trade union unit in the film industry is now the Screen Actors Guild which, since opening New York offices and extending its field to include east coast film production, has passed the 10,000 mark in membership. The S. A. G. is, however, faced with the loss of its efficient executive secretary, who steered it through its first years and into the much-discussed pact with the producers, Kenneth Thompson, who is intending to return to the New York stage in the fall, to appear in Susan and God... Guild awards for best acting in May (just announced) went to guild president Bob Montgomery, as star, and Dame May Whitty, as supporting player, both in Night Must Fall. No one suggested partiality, for theirs was beyond doubt the outstanding work of the month.

The now-famous Paramount newsreel of the Memorial Day massacre is available through Paramount exchange everywhere, but most local managers have suppressed it on their own. The Paramount Theatre, Los Angeles, has not played it, only two small neighborhood houses here running it to date. Their managers report no disturbances, but that, on the contrary, the public has reacted quietly to it, moved, obviously, not to rioting but to indignation at the police brutality displayed in the reel.

Needless to say the great bulk of the 250,000 agricultural workers have neither of these three essentials.

The migratory workers do not have jobs in the sense which this word is interpreted by city dwellers—reasonably continuous employment. Instead they spend at least a third of their working season haphazardly looking for work in the fields.

Last season an SRA investigator followed a typical migratory family through the season's work. Here is the report:

"The family (coming down from Idaho) landed in Clarksville (Eldorado County) and for the last two weeks of April found work for themselves and the older children in lettuce and carrot fields. From here they went to Lodi (San Joaquin County) and picked peas for three weeks in May. Five weeks, ending in the last of June they worked in onions and potatoes near Shafter. They were working in apricots in Modesto in June and in peaches in Salinas (Monterey County) for two weeks in August.

HARD-WORKING FAMILY STRANDED

The family went from here to Lodi but found no work. They stayed in a large camping ground, living in their car, their trailer and an old tent. They rented the space for their house at \$3 a week but when they had had no work for two weeks

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Schmidt Tells Next Move for Longshoremen Under CIO

AIDING EASTERN AND GULF MARINE WORKERS WILL BE GUARANTEE FOR WEST COAST

National Industrial Maritime Fed. Is Next Step, Declares President of San Francisco Longshoremen

By HENRY SCHMIDT
President of ILA 38-79
(ILA 38-79 Press Release)

SAN FRANCISCO—Now that the Pacific Coast Longshoremen have voted to affiliate to the CIO, what is the next move? This and the question—what benefits can the CIO give the maritime workers?—are asked often on the docks and ships.

First it must be understood we are now in a transition period, passing through certain stages of development to reach an objective—national unity of all American maritime workers and formation of a National Industrial Maritime Federation.

National Unity Sought for Years

"To unite the West Coast maritime workers with those on the East Coast through democratic and militant organizations dedicated to a unified program and unified action," this has been talked about for years and is the wish and hope of every worker who toils on ship and dock. Further, it is an absolute necessity that this be done if the West Coast unions are to retain and make secure the gains which were gotten through hard and bitter struggle. It stands to reason that as long as the Eastern and Gulf marine workers get less money, work longer hours and toil under miserable working conditions, this is a constant threat to those who enjoy higher wages, shorter hours and better working conditions.

Must Help Others

The question then boils down to this:

The Pacific Coast maritime unions must help the others improve their conditions if we want to retain our better conditions. This is made possible under the CIO.

The West Coast longshoremen realize the East Coast stevedores would have taken united action in '34 and again in '36 and '37 if they had not been prevented by Ryan and his gunmen. Despite Joe and his beef squads, in several instances longshoremen did take united action but were forced back to the job by other gangs being ordered and by terror, police and other-

Will Shake Ryan's Hold

Affiliation of West Coast maritime unions to the CIO will cause longshoremen of the Atlantic, Gulf and the Great Lakes to move in the same direction; namely, into the CIO. The CIO means democratic, progressive unionism under rank and file control of its members. This is what West Coast unions have. It is what East Coast workers want and it is made possible for ALL workers by the CIO program.

The uphill and courageous fight of East Coast seamen has won admiration of the workers everywhere. They have repudiated the phoney ISU officials, and through their brilliant struggle have established the National Maritime Union. At this instant they are holding a democratic convention of delegates elected from the ships to formulate a constitution.

Solidarity With NMU

The NMU program is to affiliate with the CIO; in fact they are considered a CIO affiliate right now. The NMU, under rank and file control, is causing East Coast longshoremen to question the high-handed tactics of Mr. Ryan. On several occasions, longshoremen refused to obey Ryan's orders, when they are ordered NOT to work ships where there are NMU members.

Recently in Baltimore the longshoremen were pulled off a job. They stormed the office and demanded to know why. When told it was to get NMU and other CIO union men off the ships, they firmly told Ryan to go to hell, and immediately returned to the job. They also threatened to sue Mr. Ryan and Co. for lost time.

Pacific Fed. to Continue

The Maritime Federation of Pacific has done much to unify the gains and consolidate West Coast unions, and aid in securing the better con-

Catholic Prelate Hits Republic Steel, Urges Labor Unity in CIO Talk

CLEVELAND, O.—Monsignor Joseph F. Smith, Vicar General of the Cleveland Diocese, spoke before 3000 striking steel workers and sympathizers here, declaring that although Republic Steel Corp. had been able to open its plants it did not prove that they were right. Addressing Republic Steel, the veteran Catholic leader said:

Collective Bargaining Rights

"The future will show that you have gone beyond your rights in interfering with the rights of your employees; that you have intimidated them by threats, by arms, and by your company police."

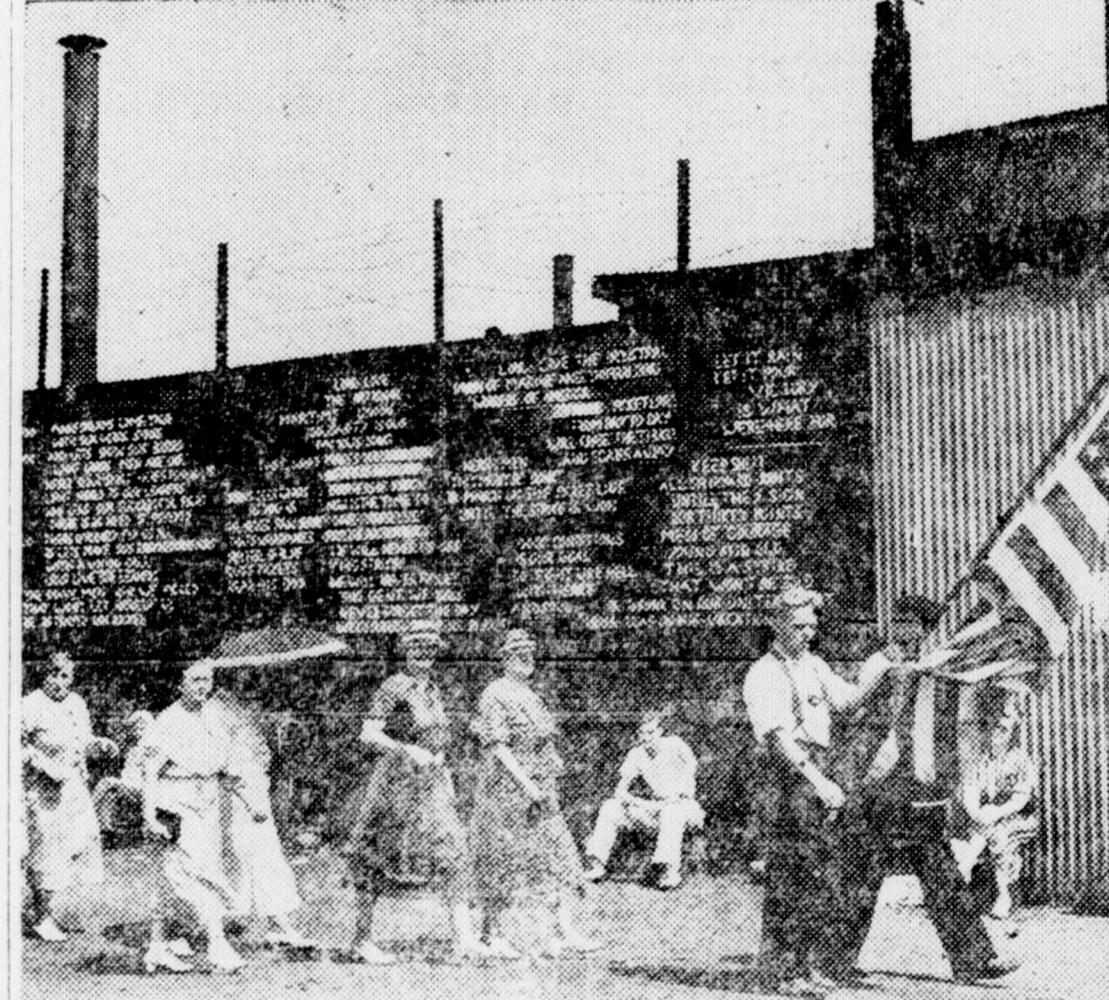
"The men have a right to collective bargaining—they have it by the natural law based on human rights, and they now have it under our own federal law."

Urge Labor Unity

On differences existing between the CIO and the AFL, Monsignor Smith stated:

"I am not present as a partisan friend of the CIO or an enemy of the AFL. As far as each one or both serve the interest of the working class I am with

Women and Kids Are Union, Too



SOLIDARITY WITH their men folk is shown by these wives and children of Robins Drydock strikers, marching past plant gates in Brooklyn, New York. Note the union slogans on the walls. The strike has been marked by brutal police slugging of pickets. Mayor F. H. LaGuardia has ordered an investigation.

By B. K. GEBERT
The International Union, United Automobile Workers of America will hold its annual convention on August 23rd in Milwaukee, Wisc. This is the second annual convention. A year ago this union held its convention at South Bend, Ind. and successfully rid itself of the domination of the Dillon clique of the AFL. It had only about 35,000 members at that time.

When it opens its session at Milwaukee this year, it will register a phenomenal growth. Delegates will represent 350,000 members. This growth is part of the general growth of the unions of the CIO, of which the auto union is a part. The growth of the union could not have been possible without the general organizational drive of the CIO in mass production industries such as rubber, steel, textile, iron, aluminum, marine, agricultural, transport, government employees, office workers, etc.

Victories Won

The auto union is an industrial union in the full sense of that word. It is a progressive union. Last year was a year not only in growth of the union but was a year of victories as well. The outstanding victory is the agreement with the General Motors Corporation, which came after 44 days of heroic strike struggle of the auto workers. The auto workers by means of sitdown strikes and effective methods of struggle, particularly in Flint, secured a victory. Later agreements were reached with the Chrysler Corporation as well as a number of smaller corporations.

As the result of these victories auto workers have gained higher wages, shorter working hours, and more security on the job. The auto industry, the seat of the open shop, became a stronghold of unionism. In this mass production industry workers are not only organized but through the assistance of the shop stewards and bargaining committees

are adjusting their grievances and daily problems in the factories, forcing the corporations to live up to their agreements. Company unionism, which flourished during the open shop days, has been reduced to a minimum. Only skeleton company unions exist today in auto industries.

Victory Through CIO

These victories and achievements were made possible because of the guidance and influence of the CIO and unity within the ranks of the organization. The South Bend convention last year was an example of unification of the constructive forces, although at that time it was a small organization, but maintaining that unity and militancy of the workers, it made possible the achievement of these victories.

But the union is also confronted today with many problems. Outstanding among these are:

A. To renew the contract with General Motors, which expires on August 11th, to secure improvements of conditions, shorter working hours, increased wages, and to establish sole collective bargaining rights in all G. M. plants. (At present the union has sole collective bargaining only in 19 shops out of 69 in the United States and Canada.)

B. The organization of 125,000 Ford Workers. Concretely, the organization of the River Rouge plant of King Henry, where 90,000 workers are employed; and where Ford declared war against the UAW by means of terror such as we witnessed in the onslaught on organizers and members of the union who attempted to bring union literature to the Ford workers on May 26. Henry Ford in an effort to fight the union has built up a terrorist band known as the service system, which has a large percentage of well-known gangsters and criminals, who are being used as the spearhead in the struggle against legitimate trade unionists. Ford inspires to the position of Girdler in the auto

STEEL REPORT ENRAGES COPS AND BOSSES

Lafollette Committee Puts Both "On the Spot" for Chi. Strike Murders

CHICAGO — Howls of fury went up from official quarters in Chicago and from the anti-union higher-ups behind the mayor and police when the carefully considered report of the LaFollette Senate committee on the Memorial Day massacre of union men was published.

Col. McCormick, Chicago Tribune publisher, and other backstage openshop buddies of Tom Girdler, chief of Republic Steel, thought everything had been fixed up for the murderous police when the hand-picked coroner's jury whitewashed the uniformed killers of union men in a justifiable homicide verdict July 20th.

Report Condems Cops

The LaFollette committee pointed out the police killed 10 men and wounded scores of others, when:

"If the police had permitted the parade to pass down Burley Ave., and in front of the plant gate, under a proper police escort, the day would have passed without violence or disorder, and both the spirit and the letter of corporation (city) counsel's opinion, as construed by the commissioner of police (for peaceful picketing) would have been complied with."

The LaFollette report further enraged the rulers of Chicago because it indicates the police killed the strikers in direct collusion with the Republic Steel Co., where the Steel Workers Organizing Committee, CIO, was conducting a successful strike.

The Senate committee shows that the police had no tear gas of their own on the spot, but used Republic supplies and that the police in addition to their regular sticks and revolvers carried ax handles supplied, as Police Capt. Kilroy conceded, from the Republic plant.

GIRDLER PAY BIG

WASHINGTON.—Republic Steel Corporation paid its labor-hating chairman, Tom Girdler, \$175,000 in 1936, records here show.

SETBACK FOR UNION SLATE

DETROIT.—The labor slate for city council here which sought to pool the voting strength of the AFL and the CIO received a setback with the withdrawal of Pres. Frank X. Martel of the Detroit Federation of Labor.

UTILITY WORKERS ORGANIZE

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—City workers, organized into a CIO union, will bargain with water department officials on wages and hours.

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MAJOR REFUSES SCAB BOATS

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—Mayor F. H. LaGuardia said the city would refuse to accept any ferryboats driven by scab labor during the strike of 15,000 shipbuilders here.

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Ship Sabotage Claim Is Contradicted

BALTIMORE, Md.—The small loss of life (two dead, two missing) when the old sternwheeler City of Baltimore burned in Chesapeake Bay last week was due to the efficiency, skill and calm of the crew, according to Acting Marine Inspection Director H. S. Shepard.

The inspector's praise for the crew offered a sharp contrast to charges of "strike sabotage" by Captain H. C. Brooks of the City of Baltimore. Shepard blamed the fire on an explosion of alcohol, and members of Congress severely criticized the shipping of highly inflammable cargo on passenger-carrying vessels.

CIO CANNERY-FIELD DRIVE GETTING SET

Organizing Committee Asks Locals to Pass on 3 Propositions

SAN FRANCISCO—Locals of the Cannery & Agricultural Federation of California, affiliated to the Committee for Industrial Organization, have been asked by the Federation's Organizing Committee to pass on three propositions, as follows:

1. That a District Convention be called on September 4.
2. Approval of the use of the Cannery & Agricultural Federation of California as administrative apparatus until the convention sets up the district machinery.
3. The slate of organizers proposed for the various sections in the district.

The Organizing Committee has set up headquarters at 593 Market St., Room 506-07, San Francisco, with A. C. Rogers, past secretary of the San Diego Central Labor Council, as Director of Agricultural Organization.

The committee will be set up to provide for a regional director in each one of the following regions: Oakland, San Jose, Stockton, Salinas, Pismo Beach, Los Angeles, Santa Ana, Diego, Brawley, Fresno, Bakersfield, Sacramento and San Francisco.

District Administration

Grace McDonald, former editor of the Farmer-Labor News, was chosen as press director of the Organizing Committee.

The Federation Executive Committee, under the above proposal, is to act as the temporary administrative body not only of California, but also of Arizona, Nevada and the Hawaiian Islands, which are included in this district.

Charter Membership

Word has been received from the United Cannery, Agricultural Packing & Allied Workers of America, set up at the recent Denver convention, that members of unions represented at that convention can become charter members by filling out charter application blanks, and paying per capita tax to the International office on July membership on the following basis: 20 cents per month if dues are 50-75 cents a month, 25 cents if dues are 75 cents-\$1.50 a month, 30 cents if dues are \$1.50 or more. No charter will be issued for less than 15 members.

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WITAMINS ARE ALL ON THE PICKET LINE

LOS ANGELES—Demanding a closed shop, six-day week and eight-hour day, 30 millkers, feeders and milkhouse workers struck DeVries Vitamin D Dairy at Norwalk Saturday, July 24, under the CIO. Dairy Workers Union when DeVries refused to negotiate with the union, saying: "I would rather close down my dairy than sign with the CIO."

Over 400 workers from other fields supported the picket line over the week-end. By Monday, over 800 were on the picket line.

Sheriff's deputies are engaged in strikebreaking duty, forcibly escorting dairy trucks through the picket line. Immediately thereafter, over 1200 persons gathered on the picket lines.

Reactionary forces are trying to discredit the strikers by circulating lies that the strikers planned to burn 60,000 bales of hay.

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